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**RCE SUBMISSION REMARKS**

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In connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please enter the Amendment and Response filed on October 26, 2007, and denied entry on November 15, 2007, along with the other documents filed with the Amendment, and reconsider the application in accordance therewith.

**APPLICANTS CLAIM SMALL ENTITY STATUS.** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PK Trzyna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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